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HART ANNOUNCES TRANSIT ART PROGRAM FOR RAIL STATIONS

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) held a news conference today to announce the creation of a transit art program to include public art at the rail stations and operations center as part of the Honolulu rail transit project.

The \$5-million public art program will highlight work created by artists who have a strong understanding of and affinity for Hawaii's history and culture. The art will be displayed at the 21 stations along the rail route and at the train control center in Waipahu.

HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas said professional artists or artist teams are being asked to submit their qualifications and demonstrate their understanding and knowledge of Hawaii's history, culture and traditions.

Grabauskas said that station artwork opportunities will range from paving and floor designs to wall murals, grille work and architectural fencing, to glass work and integrated sculptural elements.

"The intention is to reflect the proud history and character of the surrounding community at each rail station, and the transit art program is part of that effort," said Grabauskas, who noted the call for artists is being done in conjunction with the ongoing design work for the rail stations.

Grabauskas was joined at the news conference by HART Board of Directors Vice Chairman Ivan Lui-Kwan and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

"This art program is an excellent example of building rail better," Caldwell said. "This provides an opportunity for our local artists to showcase their talent and their passion for Hawaii. This will truly be a canvas of creativity for generations to come."

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“The art program is an investment in our community and will make our project unique by providing a sense of place and culture to our transit stations,” said Lui-Kwan. “HART’s art program will reflect the rich tapestry of Hawaii’s culture, tradition and histories. We’re looking for talented artists who can convey that message through their creative work.”

Applications for the transit art program can be submitted between May 14 and June 20. To download submittal requirements and other information regarding the transit art program, visit the City’s procurement website at www.honolulu.gov/pur under “Professional Services” or at www.callforentry.org.

A pre-submittal workshop for interested applicants will be held Saturday, June 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the HART offices at Ali`i Place, 1099 Alakea St., Suite 150. Questions about the transit art program can be e-mailed to HART at transitmailbox@honolulu.gov.

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